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REPORT

SUBJECT 1. Soviet Activity at Border Posts  
Along the Northwest Iranian Frontier  
2. Soviet Border Guard Officer  
Personalities

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1. Four reports concerning Soviet activity along the Soviet/Iranian border in the Astara and Namin areas

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2. Three of the reports cover routine Soviet border guard activity for the period 23 October - 3 November 1956. In addition, the following information on roads is included: The new Soviet road which was agreed upon by the Frontier Commission has been finished, and the Soviet officers and soldiers who had been working on it have left.

3. The fourth report is a compilation of Soviet border guard komendaturas and mentions that in April 1956 those for the Kalaputi, Ashchi, and Bahramtapih-Tazakendi areas were disbanded. names of 15 Soviet officers who served in the area from 1948 to 1954 and names of seven Soviet officers presently serving on the border.

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Fifteen Soviet soldiers equipped with shovels and hacks were cleaning the road between the 6 and 7 and the 7 and 8 stations. They were ordered by two officers and one civilian. They worked for this cleaning till 29 October. During this afternoon, Capt. Eskertoff, chief of the No. 6 Soviet station, Shaletchouran, and two other officers with 1 enlisted man, were inspecting the road. The old roads are still in the Iranian land and are not to be used.

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The new roads of the Soviets which were agreed upon by the Frontier Commission and which is completely in favor of the Soviets, has been accomplished. The Soviet officers and soldiers who had been working on this road have finished their works and left. All border pillars have been covered so that the herds would not touch them.

A Soviet plane had been flying over the frontier area of Edishenk Daman and Seyedkar. [REDACTED] the plane was very far away [REDACTED]

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Kalvas is the No. 5 Soviet station.

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Since two days the frontier officials of the stations Qarabek-Malajord and Qeshlaq, the Nos. 3, 1, and 2, were given fur hats and winter overcoats. The overcoats look old and used.

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On the 30th of October at 0900 two cars having as passengers five officers, one ranked man, and one woman, came from the Ankaran road to the station. These officials, after having visited the military areas, the station, the yash, etc., proceeded to the No. 14 Soviet station, Qermesipost.

Other observations were only the circulation of the frontier patrols in the opposite frontier station.

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About the Frontier Kommandanturas and their dissolving:

For several years the Soviets have had Kommandanturas in the areas of Astarabad, Kalaputi, Qanacuiyetrugon, Kalvas, Deman, Edishenk Moqan, Djibrail Rayan, Shushi, and Mahmoudli. These Kommandanturas are security centers for the border lines and also information centers. The main offices are at a distance of 3 - 15 kilometers from the border lines. In the center of this organization there are some frontier officers working that have no responsibility. The Kommandanturas are very effective for their propaganda and their infiltrations in the frontier. But the Soviet frontier officials say that the Kommandanturas have no propaganda purposes and are only for the Kolashon people and the frontier security. But this statement cannot be confirmed and their existence can only be considered as a nuisance. Even there are several Soviet information officers or the frontier stations and their men who work in such Kommandanturas, though their activities are named inspections; they are the ones who have made contacts with the frontier people and give them instructions. Furthermore, the Soviet officers and soldiers say that the Kommandanturas are responsible for the security offices and distribution of rations and fuel in the stations. For instance, if a soldier commits some undisciplined acts he is taken by the Kommandantura, if rations are delivered for the stations they first go to the Kommandanturas and they distribute them amongst the stations. Of course, these are only pretexts, but the Kommandanturas are working in reality with the borders in order to receive information and pay money to the spies, etc.

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#### information about the Soviet Kommandanturas:

Kommandantura organizations have existed in the following places till 1955:

1. Astara, city of the Soviets, in the Lenkaran province.
2. Kalaputi district, in the Lenkaran province.
3. Kalvas district, in the Lenkaran province (Savant)
4. Ashtchi district, rayon Edishenk, belonging to Dima Ajarood opposite the No. 2 frontier station Bildashigermi.
5. Shurhachi district, rayon Bilesever Moqan
6. Bahrantapeh and Tasekan
7. Mahmoudli district.

In April 1956 the following Kommandantura organizations have been dissolved:

1. Kalaputi District - 3 Km. from the border lines
2. Ashtchi District - 5-7 Km. from the border lines
3. Bahrantapeh District and Tasekan

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Some people say that in the Kalvas, Moqan and Shirinsour districts

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such organizations exist, but it was not confirmed.

In the remaining Kommandantura organizations there are thirty to forty soldiers and three officers.

The following are names of Soviet officers of such Kommandanturas

1. Major Katchenko - 1948 and 1949 - in the Astara Kommandantura, Lenkeran province.
2. Major Shertakov - 1951 and 1952 - In the Astara Kommandantura, Lenkeran province.
3. Major Polotov - 1952 and 1953 - In the Astara Kommandantura, Lenkeran province.
4. Major <sup>zhukin</sup> ~~zhukin~~ - 1953 and 1954 - In the Astara Kommandantura, Lenkeran province.
5. Major Sulman - 1948 and 1949 - In the Kalaputi Kommandantura.
6. Capt. Minashvili - 1950 and 1952 - In the Kalaputi Kommandantura.
7. Lt. Col. Romanov - 1952 and 1953 - In the Kalaputi Kommandantura.
8. Capt. ~~Bozhakov~~ - 1955 and 1956 - In the Kalaputi Kommandantura.
9. Lt. Col. Rusev - 1948 and 1950 - Kalvas Kommandantura.
10. Major Panash - 1952 and 1953 - Kalvas Kommandantura.
11. Lt. Col. Aslanov - 1953 and 1954 - Kalvas Kommandantura.
12. Major Simonov - 1953 and 1954 - Edishenk Moqan
13. Lt. Col. Nazarenkov - 1954 and 1955 - Edishenk Moqan
14. Lt. Col. ~~Shertakov~~ - 1951 to 1953 - Shurbatehi Kommandantura.
15. Lt. Col. <sup>Mahmudov</sup> ~~Mohamedov~~ - 1952 to 1954 - Mahmoudli Kommandantura.

The following are the information officers who are working in the border Kommandanturas at present:

1. Lt. Col. Usatov - Information Officer of the Lenkeran Front. Office in the Astara and Kalvas Kommandant.
2. Major <sup>Aleksandrov</sup> ~~Aleksandrov~~ - Information Officer of the Lenkeran Front. Office in the Astara and Kalvas Kommandant.
3. Capt. <sup>Shukov</sup> ~~Shukov~~ - Information Officer of the Lenkeran Front. Office in the Astara and Kalvas Kommandant.
4. Capt. <sup>Uroch</sup> ~~Uroch~~ - Information Officer of the Lenkeran Front. Office in the Astara and Kalvas Kommandant.
5. Col. <sup>Shukov</sup> ~~Shukov~~ - Information Officer of the Perishib Bileasvar Moqan Frontier Office in the Lankaran Shoupatehin Kommandantura.

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6. Major Pavlov - Information Officer of the Arishib Division and  
Frontier Office in the Lakin and Shoupatchin  
Kommandantura.
7. Lt. Col. Zelenskiy - Information Officer of Djebreil Fronteir  
Office in the Mahmoudli Kommandantura.

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